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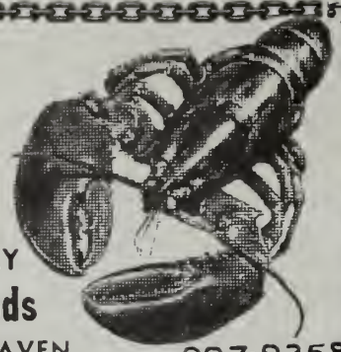

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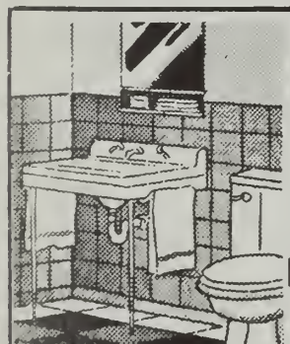

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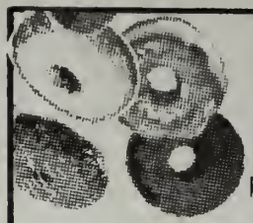

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Reports on the summer activities and the success of the annual Fair were given. Invitations to visit their various Granges were read from Smith Mills, O-ne-Set and Watuppa.

In giving her report the chairman of the Home and Community Service Committee, Mrs. Ruby Barber, requested members to be at the hall at 1:30 on Wednesday, September 15th, for a clean-up day.

Plans were discussed and made for the Installation of Officers on Thursday night, September 16th, when Gilbert Collins, past State Grange deputy, and his suite, will conduct the installation.

There were visitors from Marion, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Rochester and South Middleboro Granges.

Worthy master Jefferson and Robert Ouellette announced the installation of Pomona officers.

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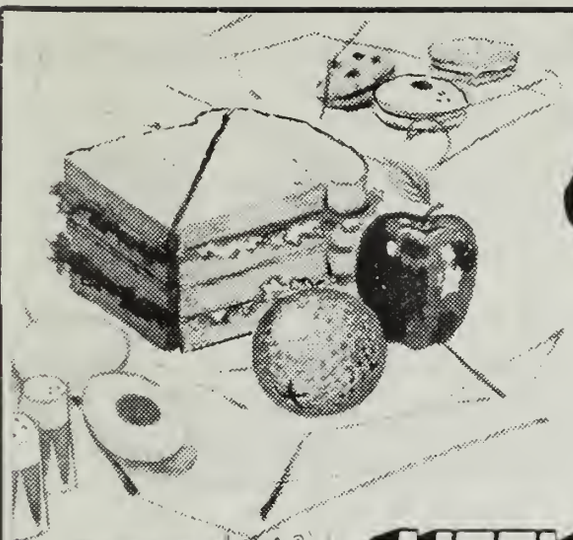

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The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white organdy trimmed in Swiss lace motifs. Her elbow length veil was fastened to an organdy bow. She also wore a pearl necklace which belonged to her maternal grandmother. She carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis.

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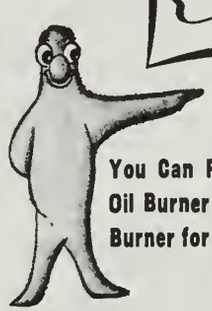

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Best man was Mr. David Schuster of Seymour, Connecticut, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Ronald Friend of Worcester and Peter Will of Seymour.

For her going away outfit the bride chose a moss green tweed suit, brown accessories and a yellow chrysanthemum corsage.

The guest book was in charge of Miss Catherine Bertram of Mattapoisett. The wedding cake was made by Mrs. Robert Morrison of Marion.

MATT. GIRL INTERV. BY JULE STYNE

Kathy Schaaf, a junior at Old Rochester Regional High School, left Tuesday for New York City to be interviewed by Jule Styne, Broadway producer. She is also to be interviewed at a later date by Buster Davis of Bell Telephone Hour.

Kathy has had the opportunity to sing a few times at both the Mattapoisett and Marion Congregational Churches. She also had the lead in the Old Rochester Regional High School's Spring production of "Carousel".

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People here have an appreciation of history and a liking for colonial style in homes and furniture. Because we are surrounded by homes of charm and individuality on a coastline that is beautiful and rich in reminders of the past, this is natural. We're fortunate that the town has a heritage and a unique link with the generations of sturdy settlers who built the village. Recently, however, we might have begun to wonder if we are going overboard on OLD and that perhaps a bit of perspective is needed to head off an obsession with this adjective and its over application if used to control the lives and property of contemporary people. Are to we become relics on display in an OLD museum town which is dedicated to building ultra modern, OLD schools?

The Regional School bears the name of Old Rochester in honor of the common origin of Marion, Rochester and Mattapoisett. This is a tribute to the past and in no way is an apt description of the facilities. Now, we learn that the new, modern, elementary school, which is yet to be built will be called the OLD HAM-

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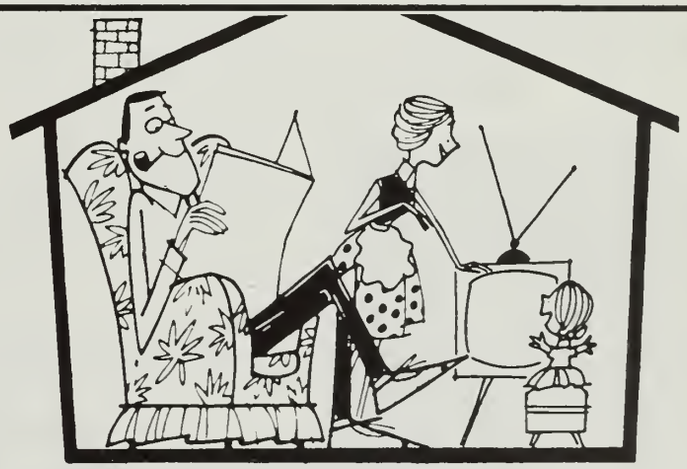

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We can do two things to avoid confusion. We could have Old Rochester and Old Hammondtown and then become more original with Ancient North Street School, Venerable Haskell Swamp School, Elderly Marion Road School, Archaic Aucoot Cove School, Antique Brandt Island School and (the renamed) Medieval Center School. Or, for a novel approach, the prefix OLD might be eliminated entirely. A simple Haskell School, or Tinkhamtown Junior High or Brandt School might honor the names of the past without projecting a mental image of a Mattapoisett jammed with decaying school buildings - vintage 1812.

In this same trend, we notice that the obsession with antiquity might have us all living in a museum. It has been suggested (seriously) to the Selectmen that the village of Mattapoisett be designated a Historic District (as proposed on page 21 of the Master Plan under the title of PROPOSED HISTORIC DISTRICTS).

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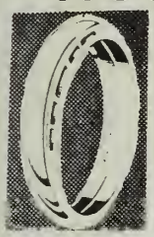

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tire village as done by the private owners of these homes would have been blocked and the original raw facades of these decaying, unadorned, unlandscaped "monuments" would have been preserved intact - if they had not by now collapsed from rot. To suggest that a committee could have done the job of restoring these old Mattapoisett homes better than the private owners did, for their own satisfaction and pride, is ridiculous. To argue that a committee is now necessary to tell these owners how to preserve the improvements, that these same owners themselves created, would be amusing if it were not a serious attempt at control of private property. Frankly, most of us human exhibits at home in our lived-in monuments would rather do it ourselves. To the present day, it has been a good job.

Let's value the old in proper perspective. It is not the beginning and the end but was only the beginning. People are not museum pieces and they can't comfortably live in monuments. We live in homes of character and charm which were built by men of strong independent character. This strong independent character is something OLD that well should be guarded and preserved. D.C.J.

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The course is open to both men and women over 18. Being a boat owner is not a prerequisite to registering and there is no charge for class material.

Last year, 64 persons from an area covered by New Bedford on the west, Wareham on the east and Middleboro on the north, registered for the Mattapoisett Squadron courses.

RECEIVES FIRST PRIZE AWARD

Mrs. Robert Whitcomb of Hawes Hamlet, Wareham, received the first prize award in the Novel Writers' Division at the third annual Writers' Conference, held in Craigville Village on Cape Cod.

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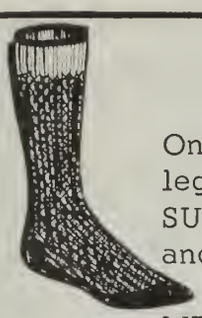

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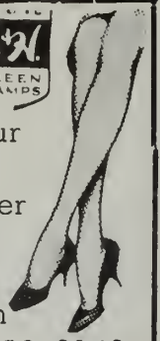

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100 Years Ago -- 1865

Nothing can show, at a glance, the growth of the town better than looking at a town Report of 100 years ago. The 1865 Report consists of just 16 pages, and six of these are about school affairs. The Town's business was restricted to schools, highways, and care of the poor, in addition to a few minor items such as total expenditures for the fire department of $91.72.

The Selectmen were Josiah Holmes, Jr., Franklin Cross, and Wilson Barstow. Of these, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Barstow were shipyard owners, and Captain Cross was a retired whaling master (lived on North Street, first house up on west side). The Town Clerk was Thomas Nelson, (grandfather of Mrs. Sally Hiller and Mr. William Johnson) the cabinet maker and town undertaker from whose cabinet shop at the rear of his (Hiller) house came many beautiful pieces of furniture. Mr. Nelson was also on the school committee along with Wilson Barstow and Noah C. Sturtevant (lived SW corner

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The only two other town officials were B. W. Shearman, treasurer and collector, and Joseph W. Snow as Constable. Total salaries paid to all town officers came to $554.00.

The largest expenditure was for the support of the poor: $2967.28--for 73 persons. This was a greater expenditure than might ordinarily have existed, because for the first one-third of the year all the younger men were still in active military service in the War against the South. Nor were the shipyards providing work.

$811. was spent on highways.

$1,121.01 was spent on schools.

Other scattered payments brought the expenditures for the town for the year to the grand total of $13,664.54.

SCHOOLS A NUISANCE

As was usual in the first dozen years after the town was set off, the schools caused the most trouble. The town had inherited the

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old District School System from its days as part of Rochester. Consequently it was broken up into ten separate school districts, each with a separate school committeeman, or "Prudential Committee," (a single individual) and each with its own school house, except for "Districts Nos. 3 and 4, and 5, 6, and 7" which were governed by the Town School Committee, but which contained four separate school houses. Since each school ran for different terms at different times of the year, under different "Prudential Committees," the school system certainly couldn't be critisized on the grounds of uniformity, as a few sample entries will show:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

No summer term. Teacher for Winter term, Mrs. O. B. Leavitt. Length of school 3 1/4 months. Wages of teacher $22 per month. Number of scholars 16.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM--Teacher, Miss Joanna G. Clark. Length of school 3 months. Wages of teacher $20 a month. Number of scholars 28.

WINTER TERM--Teacher, Noah Hammond Esq. Length of school 3 months. Wages of teacher $28 per month. Number of scholars 27.

In DISTRICTS 3,4,5,6, and 7, there were a FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL, a SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL, an INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, and a GRAMMAR SCHOOL, each with its teacher, but with terms varying from 2 1/2 to 3 months, wages from $19 to $45 a month, and number of pupils from 37 to 55.

The other districts show the same confusion, especially DISTRICT NO. 9, where we read: "A school was commenced by Miss P. M. Ellis, in the early part of the season, but

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The previous year the School Committee had warned that no progress could be made until the District System was junked (and had also added: "Nothing, perhaps, encourages and stimulates a teacher so much as frequent and kindly greetings from parents....)

But this year (1865) the Committee laid it on the line: They quoted a new state statute requiring towns to appropriate a minimum amount per pupil (which Mattapoisett was not doing); they stated outright that no progress could be made until the appropriations of $3000 for care of poor and $1000 for schools were reversed; they pointed out that no one was going to bring a new industry into the town (shipbuilding, whaling and coastwise trade were finished) with such a poor school system.

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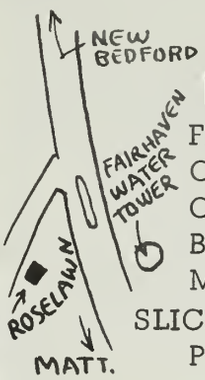

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the name; the others are poor apologies, dreary, small, and cut to pieces. The remedy....Wipe out our district lines...."

And they put an article into the Warrant: "TO see if the town will abolish school districts....."

PROGRAM AT FINE ARTS MUSEUM

Marion Art Center has been requested to inform its friends and members of a program offered by the Boston Fine Arts Museum whereby residents of New Bedford and nearby towns are invited to visit this museum free of charge and with special escort. The program will feature a lecture and walk in the American Period Rooms where 18th century furniture and antiquities may be seen in their authentic settings. The date is to be September 24th.

Reservations are necessary, and must be made by September 15th. Chartered bus transportation will be furnished for those who wish it at a round trip cost from New Bedford of $2. Reservation cards as well as complete information may be obtained by writing the Fine Arts Museum in Boston, or the Marion Art Center in Marion, or when visiting the Center's art exhibits during its gallery hours.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN AGAINST INFLUENZA

All people over the age of 45 are urged by the Plymouth County Health Association to get their flu shots, according to Benjamin F. Harley, Jr., M.D., chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Christmas Seal association. This recommendation is based on

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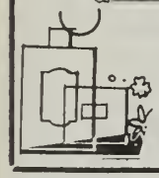
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cycle, increased outbreaks of the flu can be expected in this part of the country. The last major epidemic in the United States occurred in 1962 to 1963. Those who had the shot in 1964 need only a single injection, however, those who did not should have two shots about two months apart.

The Christmas Seal organization is offering a free brochure on influenza. The booklet may be obtained by contacting the Plymouth County Health Association, 106 Main Street, Brockton, Massachusetts.

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Sept.	AM	PM	AM	PM
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10	8:17	8:34	1:52	1:56
11	8:56	9:11	2:18	2:30
12	9:34	9:49	2:47	3:05
13	10:11	10:28	3:18	3:43
14	10:50	11:08	3:53	4:22
15	11:32	11:53	4:30	5:07

ANTIQUE SHOW

A gigantic antique show in Boston's new War Memorial Auditorium in the Prudential Center will be September 11 and 12, sponsored by the New England Antiques Association with Milton Babcock as director.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LAUNCHED BY MATT. WOMAN'S CLUB

A membership drive has been launched under the direction of Mrs. Leonard Burnham, president of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club; Mrs. Frank Oxnard, vice-president; and Mrs. Robert Smith, treasurer. It is the club's goal to obtain new members from the community.

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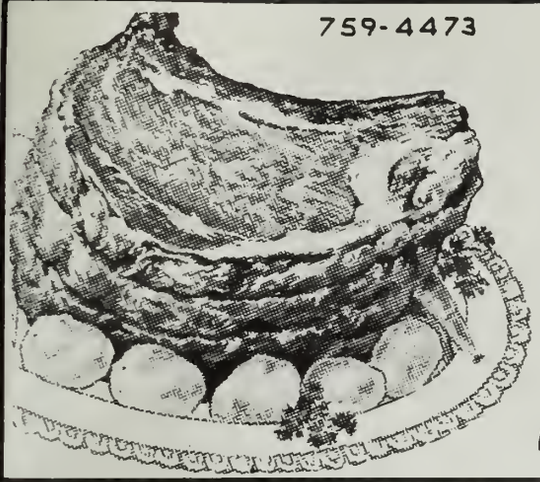
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WINNERS IN POMONA CONTEST

Mrs. Barbara Heuberger and Mrs. Ada Furtado were first place winners in the needlework contest that was judged at Sippican Pomona in Middleboro Saturday, September 4th.

Mrs. Furtado won for her crocheted tablecloth and Mrs. Heuberger for her 3-piece knitted baby set.

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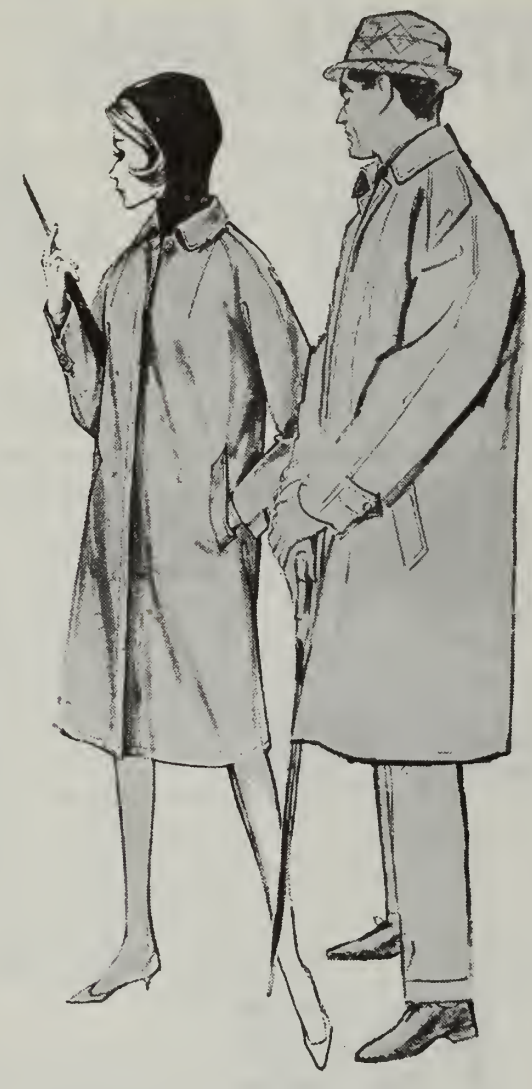

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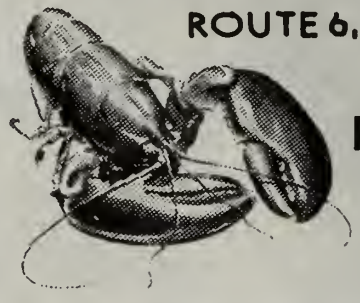

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